



Rev. Mandy Beal
Senior Minister

As I write to you, in late October, I can't imagine being out of the shadow of the Presidential election and its cultural milieu. And yet, I know we will be. The nature of life is that everything changes. The world, the universe, and all things contained therein are impermanent. I think many of us will associate this concept (dare I say empirical truth?) with Buddhism.

All of our experiences are transient: they have a beginning and an end. We just tend to get stuck in the middle and feel any particular experience as if it were permanent. But everything changes; even our understanding of reality. To cope with the changing nature of life and reality, humanity has developed religions, theologies, and philosophies to provide a North Star by which to navigate. It's hard to live in the "not knowing," so we are more comfortable when we can orient ourselves toward something we can consider true. Or at least true enough to give us a sense of purpose and stability.

But this leaves us in the position of having multiple truths. Many people feel that as an assault on that which gives them comfort and meaning. In order to prevent cognitive dissonance, they suppress or invalidate other truths. This type of intransigence has run rampant in our country, whether about politics or religion, the two of which have become disconcertingly intertwined.

The fallacy that underlies thinking that makes one group right at the expense of another is that it denies the inextricable connections of all humanity. To my knowledge, there is no modern belief system that suggests people of different countries, races, or belief systems are alien to the planet. We are all human and we come from the same source. Likewise, we're all here until we're not, as individuals and as a species. We all share this planet from birth until death. We share a common origin and a common destiny.

If we are grounded in these connections, we can come to respect our differences. Intransigence is based in the fear that only one of us can be right. The greater truth is that none of us is right. We all have glimpses of truth and we are so much healthier as a species, as individuals, if we open ourselves to the possibility of learning from each others' truths. Or as Robert Hunter (of the Grateful Dead) once wrote: "Once in awhile you get shown the light in the strangest of places if you look at it right."

My hope for us this month is we deeply feel the interconnectedness we share in our congregation and with the world around us. My prayer is that interconnectedness heals us as we continue on our journey together.



Abha Dearing

Co-Director of Music Ministry

The circle of life; one good turn deserves another; what goes around comes around. Life is cyclical. My mom-in-law used to hang onto glamorous clothes from the '70s and '80s, saying, "Just wait. All this stuff will come back in fashion." She wasn't wrong.

And what about the butterfly effect?

The butterfly effect is an idea that comes from mathematics and chaos theory. A small change can make much bigger changes happen; one small incident can have a big impact on the future.

When I put these two ideas together, I get my philosophy of life. Every little thing we do has an impact and everything comes back to you, whether in this life, in my kids' lives, today, or many years from now. Karma, I suppose.

Because this is such a part of my being, every once in awhile I get a little para-

lyzed by the reality that not every person or situation contains the same values and priorities. This is when I lean on my people to help me get through. I am thankful for the confidence and freedom that comes with aging. Anxiety, helplessness, fear, and frustration can all get the best of me. I used to feel embarrassed or inadequate asking for help. Now, I make the conscious choice to reach out to a core group of people who I hold close. Some are family members, church friends, childhood friends, and colleagues. Somehow, venting and just talking things through grows my understanding of the situations. I trust my posse of listeners to give me validation, fresh perspective, empathy, and humor.

Happily and importantly, this is a two-way street. I cannot expect this support, in accordance with my philosophy, unless I am able to give it. I know that good relationships come with listening and patience.

Conversely, if bad things happen, I tend to try and take responsibility for them. I tend to think, what more should I have done to frontload so the situation would yield a better result? I am still working on that.

It is always OK to need and ask for help. And it is never too late to foster healthy connections with people so you get as much as you give from these exchanges. In times like these (pandemic, vitriolic election, shall I go on?), it is good for all of us to be reminded of the myriad ways we are connected to each other.



Steven Dearing
Co-Director of Music Ministry

As a person who relies on others to validate his work, whether it be making music or teaching the art of classical guitar, the topic of interconnection is easy to reflect on with regard to humans. Although we are not in the same room on Sunday mornings, I do know we are still connected via the internet, and I am tickled each time I receive a note, card, or email expressing how the music in a service moved someone or made them feel a certain way.

But what truly fulfills me spiritually is my connection with the natural world.

There have been a handful of times that I have felt a true out-of-body experience, without imbibing any substance, that is. Those moments happened in the midst of such natural beauty that, even when I reflect on them, I can recreate the same feelings as if I was still there. These memories pull me into a state of reverie and out of any funk I might be in.

One such moment came while I was kayaking on the western shore of Vancouver Island. I was visiting a former roommate from my undergraduate years, and while he and I

were walking to the area where we would cast off, we suddenly first heard, then saw, two seals “ploop” into the water. The backdrop included a full, huge moon that was so large it stretched across the ocean, and of course, there was the briny ocean smell. The beauty of this scene which contained two large, wild animals a few meters away set me off. I became overwhelmed with emotion and began to cry.

Then it was my turn to take a turn in the ocean kayak. I started away from the beach, paddling directly into the moonbeams, when all of the sudden a whale surfaced about five meters away. I felt as if I was touched by God that night, and as I write this, I can still feel the goosebumps.

Another incident happened years later on the other side of Canada. My co-director Abha and I were visiting a cousin in Newfoundland. We went to a provincial park for a hike. We decided to take the path that had a long trail that followed the coastline. It was a foggy morning, and as we walked the tricky, slippery trail, we couldn't see farther than a few steps ahead of us. We felt we had the entire park to ourselves. Suddenly, likely because it was so quiet, we could hear whales playing on the beach down below us. They were spouting and making sounds and I believe that since we couldn't see them, it was even more magical because we had the opportunity to imagine them smiling and having fun.

I know that I am blessed to have my nuclear family around me while we are confined to our homes, but I also take comfort in the changing colours around us as we witness Mother Nature's display of the changing of seasons. I hope that anyone who feels lonely during the pandemic can feel connected to the natural world, as I do.



Nico Van Ostrand
Religious Education Coordinator

Moments where we can pause and acknowledge our interconnection are more sacred now than ever. Building community is a big part of religious education, complicated by our inability to laugh and wonder and break bread in person right now. One of the main ways we connect during religious education at BUC—asynchronously for K-5 families, and from a distance for 6th-12th graders—is through ritual.

Our first ritual of every class is one you are probably familiar with. We begin by lighting the chalice. Usually this is paired with some opening words or a short reading to set the tone for the class. This ritual serves to create a sacred space. A chalice is a symbol not only of the BUC church community but also of the wider Unitarian Universalist story. It is a reminder that you are held by this community, even when we can't be together in person.

In religious education classes, children and youth are invited to bring their own chalice with them to class. As the designated chalice lighter reads the words, everyone lights their home chalice. This ritual becomes a shared experience, and something that can be expected each time we meet. It is a landing point, a reminder of what makes religious education special. It is a symbol of our connection to one another. Now, every time I light my chalice at home, I am reminded of the community I am connected to.

Another ritual common in religious education is a check-in. Sometimes it is as simple as “how are you feeling today?” with the expectation that canned responses like “fine thanks, how are you?” are set to the side for a moment. During this ritual, everyone is asked to share their name and pronouns before answering the question. What we're really asking is, who are you? How would you like us to refer to you? What is going on in your life that we can help you hold? This ritual centers each person—their whole, genuine self—and their joys or sorrows. It calls everyone else in the circle to practice deep listening, so they can receive each individual openly.

This ritual is one of my favorites because it is radical. People who hold marginalized identities often spend a lot of energy playing the game of the dominant culture, and I know I've found more success being likable and respected when I leave certain parts of my identity behind.

But in this check-in ritual, everyone in the circle is asked to bring their whole self—even the messy parts, or the identities that others usually ask us to stop talking about.

Who are you?

What is going on in your life that we can help you hold?

I invite you to gather your home chalice now (if you don't have one, cup your hands together and imagine holding light in your palms). Light it, and think of all the ways you are connected to this church community. Any time you begin to forget that deep and beautiful interconnect-edness, light your chalice again and hold our connection at the center for a moment.



Valerie Phillips
Administrator

In considering interconnection, I found that many think of their relationships with others or their connection to nature. Often the imagery of a spider's web comes to mind. Sometimes it's the entire, endless universe. I also found myself there. I've felt confident about my own interconnections in the world, but lately, I've been exploring some of the broken connections. In considering both these types of connections, I eventually landed on games, but also found myself pleasantly surprised by one of my favorite topics, databases.

One of my favorite games is a simple word association game. I have used it to get to know people, or have a good laugh with people I do know well. My kids and I have been playing since they were little. It starts with a word and the next person gives a word that they relate to the first word, typically the first thing that comes to mind. For example, my daughter and I played these few words out recently: book, cooking, Paula Deen, butter, Valentine, hearts, red, your sweatpants. It just goes back and forth and we tell stories and explain why those things come to mind.

From the word association game, my kids and I talked about the game Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon. The basic idea of the game is that every single actor can be connected to Kevin Bacon through six or fewer connections. Players challenge each other by calling out a name, and the race is on to find a connection to the famous actor via the shortest path possible.

In reading a bit of the history of the game, I found a web article where the writer explored how to analyze and visualize the datasets of movies and actors related to Kevin Bacon. He quickly realized that traditional relational databases weren't going to work. He instead explored graph databases and settled on the popular Neo4j. I was particularly impressed by how Neo4j developers start to define graph databases: "We live in a connected world! There are no isolated pieces of information, but rich, connected domains all around us." They go on to explain that "Only a database that natively embraces relationships is able to store, process, and query connections efficiently. While other databases compute relationships at query time through expensive JOIN operations, a graph database stores connections alongside the data in the model."

It's all an endless trail of thoughts, ideas, and experiences. Even if it's by looping back to a common link, one will likely start a new path that lands them somewhere else. As we make connections in our game with words, we share our thoughts and stories, and make connections with one another. It's left me thinking more about balance and connection and the awareness that there is so much more to life than just ourselves.



Marcia Mahood
Rental Coordinator

Interconnection is the theme for this month's reflection. I am writing with a week to go before the election deadline occurs. I say "deadline" because it is an election *process* this year, with so many people voting prior to the actual election date. So how do a pandemic, voting day, the start of the holiday season, and interconnection all come together? Well, through knitting of course! Hopefully, the election chaos will soon be behind us, and we can turn to the celebrations and connections of the end of this month.

But back to knitting. So what exactly is knitting? A knitting website defines it as such: "The knitting process basically involves continuously interlinking or knotting series of loops of yarn using needles. These consecutive loops are intermeshed into the previous loop structure. Thus the new stitch secures the loop structure by locking the previous stitches that are suspended from it, eventually creating a sheet of material."

And so, each stitch created in a knitted fabric relies on the stitch above it to keep it in place. It also needs the stitch beside it to hold its shape. Knitters know that stitches in the center of the fabric maintain their form very well, as the other stitches all around them keep them even and flat. However, the stitches at the end of a row are not as well-formed. They only have the support of a few neighbours, so they can look floppy and roll over upon themselves. So there are techniques you can use to help support these stitches; for instance, you can add in the garter stitch on the edges so the fabric lays flat. Now, garter stitch is not the most beautiful of stitch patterns, but it does the job well. Knitted fabric takes work to create. It takes time to make all the loops and links, but with effort, you are rewarded with a beautiful piece of fabric.

I know that the month of November will create challenges for many of us, as it is the start of the holiday season. November is always a big month for our family. Besides Thanksgiving and a family birthday, we also celebrate a special "patron saint day" tradition from Neb's family. These traditions include special Serbian recipes passed down from his mother, lots of plum brandy, friends and family, and Serbian folk music. It will look very different this year. We will not be able to celebrate with our family in Canada, our two boys are both out of state, and of course there is the pandemic and social distancing.

But like the knitted fabric, we still have our loops and ties with family and friends. It may look different this year, but we will still find a way to connect. Maybe I will make baklava and Fed Ex it to my boys, we will eat our Thanksgiving dinner together over Zoom, and we'll find another way to mark the birthday. I just have to use my imagination and knowledge to find new ways to stitch and knit our lives together in these socially distanced times. I will have to turn to a "garter stitch" celebration. It may not seem like past years, but it will nevertheless hold us all together.

Just like the multiple different ways we can create a knitted fabric, we can find new ways to connect and still be together. The loops and connections are still with us; we just need to vary the stitch pattern to meet the needs of our lives today. So I wish you all a "garter stitch" Thanksgiving, and know that we are always connected.



Sara Constantakis
Communications Coordinator

Unitarian Universalism is a faith built on interconnection. You could say it's "our thing." Interconnection is quite obviously front-and-center in a couple of our Seven Principles, like the sixth: *The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all* and seventh: *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part*. And when I look over the other Principles, I can find the concept of interconnection in each of them, too:

(1) *The inherent worth and dignity of every person*. Interconnection is both the source of this inherent worth and dignity, and the product of it.

(2) *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations*. Our interconnection is what leads us to strive for these.

(3) *Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations*. Our interconnection is what makes these goals important.

(4) *A free and responsible search for truth and meaning*. We need others on this search. We can't do it alone.

(5) *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large*. We need these because of how connected we are. The democratic process arose from our interconnectedness and is meaningless without it.

As I was doing this reflecting on interconnection in the context of our UU faith, I had a bit of a revelation about my own personal concept of "God." For me, God isn't an all-powerful, judgmental, paternalistic figure who rewards or punishes or can be influenced by human invocation. I see God as the essence of being; everywhere, in everyone and everything, and especially in the other human beings with whom we share our life journey. And then it hit me: *God is our interconnectedness. Our interconnectedness is God.*

But living out our interconnectedness isn't easy, is it? In one of my favorite quotations, writer and activist Glennon Doyle has this to say about the messiness of human interconnection: "Enjoy paradise today, my loves. 'Cause it ain't out there, it ain't on it's way tomorrow, it ain't something somebody else has and it ain't coming just as soon as you get your sh*t together. It's here and now. As you are, with your people as they are, with the messy house and the world all f-ed up and with all our fussing and exhaustion and anxiety and pettiness. It's with all that, among all that, in all that. Breathe. Enjoy. Today's the day."

Our interconnection is here and now. Not down the road, when the election is decided, or when our church building re-opens. It's now. "With your people as they are." That part can be difficult in this time of isolation and great division. When it becomes challenging, let's remember *all seven* of our UU Principles, and breathe into the interconnectedness they hold.



Joanne Copeland
Bookkeeper

This has been a lulu of a year, to say the least, but somehow we have been able to continue to connect with one another. Certainly not in the usual way, but we are able to “see” each other nonetheless. I was able to see my grand-niece’s wedding a couple of weeks ago thanks to Zoom. And at the same time I was watching the Zoom ceremony, I was able to watch it with other family members through a Google Duo video call. There was my nephew in California and my younger sister and her family, including the new family member born in July. We had a great time! We had our own safe way of being a part of the happy couple’s special day.

I’m able to visit with friends on the other side of the state. I’m able to conduct church and personal business through the internet. We have our staff meeting every week via Zoom. I can attend the choir rehearsals on Zoom. But imagine if the internet didn’t exist? Our connections to family, church, friends, and the world would

be diminished. As much as we all complain of the social media blitz, I think we would feel so isolated without it. If it’s too much, I can just turn it all off.

Thanksgiving Day Celebration



Want to do something on Thanksgiving but still be socially distanced?

Join us for a Zoom gathering from 3:00-5:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 26). Bring something with you to share virtually with the group that represents what Thanksgiving means to you in 2020 (poem, picture, story, song, food, recipe, etc.)

If you’d like to attend, contact Carol Winslow, coordinator, at cwin@att.net or 284-492-8387. Please RSVP to Carol by November 24.

From the Board

Choose Joy

As I write this column, I am engulfed: in fall, the season of multi-colored leaves due to the loss of chlorophyll as the light fades; in grief, some personal and some external; in chaos, because our world is more than a little discombobulated; in patriotism run amok. This year has brought trials and tribulations to so many, and sometimes it seems there is no end in sight.

As a Unitarian Universalist, I often ponder our seventh principle and what it means to respect the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. Looking at our nation and our world, where everything seems so disconnected, it appears we have lost sight of our interconnectedness. What of the mystery and wonder we theologically explore, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit? How did we get to be so unconnected? At this moment in time, I lack clarity—the quality of transparency is illusive. We all have to make choices. What will I choose?

Maria Popova wrote: “Choose joy. Choose it like a child chooses the shoe to put on the right foot, the crayon to paint a sky. Choose it at first consciously, effortfully, pressing against the weight of a world heavy with reasons for sorrow, restless with need for action. Feel the sorrow, take the action, but keep pressing the weight of joy against it all, until it becomes mindless, automated, like gravity pulling the stream down its course; until it becomes an inner law of nature. If Viktor Frankl can exclaim ‘yes to life, in spite of everything!’—and what an everything he lived through—then so can any one of us amid the rubble of our plans, so trifling by comparison. Joy is not a function of a life free of friction and frustration, but a function of focus—an inner elevation by the fulcrum of choice.... ‘the little joys’; so often, those are the slender threads of which we weave the lifeline that saves us.”

Yes, in the midst of a pandemic, and all else that collectively causes untold misery, I will choose joy. Remind myself that “joy is not a function of a life free of friction and frustration, but a function of focus.” It is a choice, and one that each of us can select. Joy that comes in a child’s smile, joy that comes as seasons change, joy that magically evolves as we prepare a luscious meal, joy that appears when we light our chalice, joy that saves us.



In faith,

Donna Larkin Mohr

President, Board of Trustees

Joys and Sorrows

From Terry Gates: “My friend Mirelle badly hurt her ankle 6 months ago and just started physical therapy. Please pray that it all works out.”

From Steven Dearing: “Thinking of Emily Dearing, beloved grandmother of Rahkesh and Raina, who passed October 2, 2019. Your presence and spirit are deeply missed.”

From Alex Tselis and Carol Jackson: “On October 17, 1981, when I (Carol) lived in NYC, I met Alex at friend’s party in Rhode Island. That night (and morning) we had a 6-hour conversation that has been going on for 39 years, including our wedding on October 6, 1984. In the past 39 years, we have lived in 10 different states (6 of them together), had 3 children, a plethora of furrier mammals, and the usual assortment of joys and sorrows (happily, more of the former). Our relationship has been supported by our family, friends, and society, and it is a deep joy to us that this kind of open-hearted support is now available to all.”

From Cheryl Shettel: “Jim is maintaining his positive spirits as he begins the long healing process following surgery for a knee he fractured in a fall.”

A joy from Kelly Taylor: “In the first week of October, I finally moved back into my house after being homeless for 4 weeks while black mold was removed from my home. It feels great to be back in my own house.”

A joy from Larry Larson: “I’m grateful because it seems that each year in October, Michigan becomes more colorful and beautiful.”

From Barb Schandavel: “This is a sorrow and a joy. I lost the best father a person could have, David ‘Bud’ Hopkins, on Tuesday, October 6. I had the joy of being able to help care for him as he held on to life as long as he could. The whole family was by his side and he kept up his routine till his last breath, playing cards with us on Monday night and watching his daytime programs Tuesday morning. When informing one of the neighbors that he was gone, his response was ‘Kind Bud, that is what we all call him’ and, as he said, if that is what is said about me at my end, I would be very honored!”

From Mary Gawel-Ensroth: “Please keep the daughter of a dear friend in your thoughts and prayers. She is on a waiting list for a double lung transplant.”

Carole and Dick Wiseman and their chipper machine—along with Sharon and Dana White and Dana’s friend, Ila—made mulch for the Capek Woods path. Thanks also goes to BUC Assistant Custodian Kirk Tucker. Approximately 19 hours of work among 6 people. And we had fun!

From Barb Eschner and Dick Cantley: “We got the happy news that the U of M transplant center has approved Dick to be a kidney donor. The paired donation process will take some time, so we thank you all for your continued love and support!”

Robert Mohr passed away on October 12 due to complications from Parkinson’s disease. Robert was a member of our Beloved Community for many years, during which he was an active part of our Chalice Choir. He will be remembered for his warm heart, kind smile, and his service to others. Robert leaves behind his wife, Donna Larkin Mohr, and their daughters Victoria and Katherine and their families. Expressions of sympathy may be mailed to Donna, but she requests no phone calls at this time. A memorial service was held via Zoom on October 22.

Vespers Service

Tuesday, November 3 | 7:00 pm | [Facebook Live](#)



Join Rev. Mandy on Tuesday, November 3 at 7:00 pm on Facebook Live for our monthly Vespers Service. This is a joyful, yet introspective evening service that centers gratitude for the day that has passed and welcomes the night that is beginning. The service will include candle lighting in remembrance of your beloved dead and any concerns in your heart. Names and information for candle lighting can be submitted via [this link](#) (also on our [website](#) under Worship Links), or shared during the service in the comments on the Facebook Live video.

To view the service live, visit the [Birmingham Unitarian Church Facebook page](#) at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 3. The video will remain on our Facebook page for later viewing.

Vespers will be held every first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm live on the [Birmingham Unitarian Church Facebook page](#).

Election Listening Circle

Wednesday, November 4 | 7:00 pm | [Zoom](#)

This year has been stressful on so many levels. Most recently, we have endured a contentious presidential election that has left many of us exhausted and disillusioned. Join Rev. Mandy on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 pm for a post-election listening circle. This will be a pastoral space to process the feelings you might have about the 2020 election cycle. The session will include breathing, centering, and open sharing facilitated by Rev. Mandy. Zoom access info is below and on the [Meeting Calendar](#):

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/91921491823?pwd=Z2gvdHptWWkvMUNNUnE1V1hmbDNJUT09>

To join by phone:
Dial: 253-215-8782
Meeting ID: 919 2149 1823
Passcode: 988265

Getting to Know UU... Virtually!

There are two sessions left of Getting to Know Unitarian Universalism (GTKUU), presented by the Membership Committee.

In this series, you will learn about BUC and how it can serve you as your spiritual home. You will explore your spirituality individually and with others. The classes are co-led by Brianna Zamborsky and Rob Davidson.

GTKUU is an interactive, introspective, and fun experience for anyone exploring Unitarian Universalism. We have adapted the in-person curriculum to a virtual model this year. While we may be physically distanced, we will still be spiritually connected.

The final two classes are Sunday, November 8 from 12:00-1:30 pm and Sunday, December 13 from 2:00-3:30 pm. You need not have attended the first two classes to join in the last two.

Zoom access information will be shared in the weekly update emails and is on the [Meeting Calendar](#).

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A Shopper's Card and a digital Kroger account are needed to participate. Visit [this page](#) for more information and instructions for getting set up.

Use the BUC organization number: TL925

Calendar of Events

The events listed here can always be found on our [website](#) under [Meeting Calendar](#). Events are also announced via the weekly email, Sunday service announcements, and our [BUC Community private Facebook group](#).

The [Meeting Calendar](#) also lists Zoom information for committee and group meetings.

To join an event or meeting, simply click on the Zoom link. If you're not using a computer to access Zoom, you can dial into meetings with your phone by calling the number and entering the meeting ID and passcode.

Weekly Events

Worship Service

Sundays | 10:30 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/196899450?pwd=RXJuNFpHdWMraENaZmFDWFVaSEExqUT09>

To join by phone:

dial: 253-215-8782

meeting ID: 196 899 450

passcode: 882131

Sunday Discussion Group

Sundays | 3:00 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/96501517735?pwd=Yy9NSUg3TGRHUGxjNDY5VzRtT0dzZz09>

To join by phone:

dial: 253-215-8782

meeting ID: 965 0151 7735

passcode: 047076

Living by Heart

1st Mondays | 7:00 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/99983328991?pwd=N1cybVdKYXhWSE9PVEZDSVo3Y1VxQT09>

To join by phone:

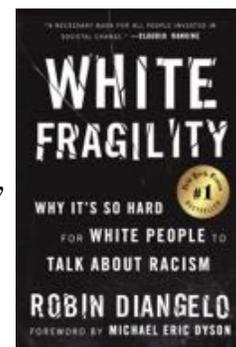
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Sunday, November 8:

The Sunday Discussion Group will discuss the 2nd half of *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo



2nd-4th Mondays | 1:30 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/92103015538?pwd=YzVMZzFpQTthhb0lFUUhYYlksVY8vZz09>

To join by phone:

dial: 253-215-8782

meeting ID: 921 0301 5538

passcode: 016260

November Events

Vespers Service

Tuesday, November 3 | 7:00 pm

Live on the

[Birmingham Unitarian Church Facebook page](#)

Issues and Ale

Friday, November 6 | 6:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/97037018630?pwd=ckZBdHdVTHJhQkd6bEtzV0JIQVfVQT09>

To join by phone:

dial: 253-215-8782

meeting ID: 970 3701 8630

passcode: 232556

Getting to Know UU

Sunday, November 8 | 12:00 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/91376992415?pwd=YU5SSfGzRUxpaWF5c2JBUmpqUWpjZz09>

To join by phone:

dial: 253-215-8782

meeting ID: 913 7699 2415

passcode: 463014

Confronting Racism

Tuesday, November 17 | 7:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/93729325877?pwd=MIJkMUNIZE4zQmtrT3VNbHJ2Ti8xdz09>

To join by phone:

dial: 253-215-8782

meeting ID: 937 2932 5877

passcode: 570711

Election Listening Circle

Wednesday, November 4 | 7:00 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/91921491823?pwd=Z2gvbHptWWkvMUNNUe1V1hmbDNJUT09>

To join by phone:

dial: 253-215-8782

meeting ID: 919 2149 1823

passcode: 988265

Humanists of BUC

featuring Marilyn Kelly

Sunday, November 8 | 7:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/94296406595?pwd=MzhFdXJBK0txRnU5cDRqMVRvaDZYQT09>

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BUC member Marilyn Kelly, former Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, will be speaking on “The Future of the US Supreme Court.”

Thanksgiving Celebration

Thursday, November 26 | 3:00 p.m.

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